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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 4015

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLAB, ILO, AU
SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC)
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1. SUMMARY: AS REQUESTED, CHARGE MADE DEMARCHE
MAY 12 WITH LABOR MINISTER AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER.
BOTH OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT GOA CONCURRED WITH U.S. EFFORTS
TO REFORM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) AND

WOULD SUPPORT JOSEPH MORRIS FOR GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN.
END SUMMARY.

2. CHARGE MADE SEPARATE CALLS ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS (LABOR)
MINISTER GERHARD WEISSENBERG AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER
ALOIS REITBAUER TO EXPLAIN CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF JUNE ILC
TO FINAL U.S. DECISION ON FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO AND
TO REQUEST GOA SUPPORT. "NON-PAPER" DRAWN FROM REFTEL,
DETAILING USG VIEWS ON CRITICAL CONFERENCE ISSUES, WAS LEFT
WITH BOTH.

3. REITBAUER AND WEISSENBERG EXPRESSED GENERAL SUPPORT FOR USG
POSITIONS. WEISSENBERG ADDED THAT HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED
THAT U.S. WOULD BACK MORRIS, WHO WAS ALSO GOA'S CHOICE FOR
GOVERNING BODY CHAIRMAN. ONLY REAL RESERVATION INDICATED WAS
WEISSENBERG'S REMARK THAT IN THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE
CONFERENCE, AUSTRIAN DELEGATES WOULD HAVE TO BE MINDFUL
OF THEIR COUNTRY'S NEUTRAL STATUS.

4. COMMENT: BASED ON ABOVE, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT AUSTRIAN
DELEGATION WILL GENERALLY SUPPORT THE U.S. AT UPCOMING
CONFERENCE BUT WILL NOT TAKE ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE ON THE ISSUES
WHICH WE CONSIDER CRITICAL. WEISSENBERG, WHO HOLDS THE VIEW THAT
A BAD ILO IS BETTER THAN NONE, IN EFFECT INQUIRED EXACTLY
WHAT RESULTS USG WOULD HAVE TO ACHIEVE IN JUNE IN ORDER TO
ASSURE A DECISION TO REMAIN IN THE ILO. THIS OF COURSE, WAS
NOT A QUESTION POSSIBLE TO ANSWER IN ADVANCE. END COMMENT.

5. COMPOSITION OF AUSTRIAN DELEGATION:
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GOVERNMENT:-

LABOR MINISTER GERHARD WEISSENBERG
AMBASSADOR ERIK TETTE', FOREIGN MINISTRY
OSWIN MARTINEK, SOCIAL MINISTRY
HEINZ MICHAEL MELAS, SOCIAL MINISTRY

EMPLOYER DELEGATES:-

ALFONS WUNSCHHEIM, VICE PRESIDENT, VOESLAUER
KAMMGARN-FABRIK A.G.,
MAX ARBESSER-RASTBURG, PERSONNEL CHIEF,
BREVILLIER & URBAN A.G.,

LABOR DELEGATES:-

ANTON BENYA, PRESIDENT, AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION
FERDINAND MALY, AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION
KARL WEDENIG, AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION,
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (AUSTRIAN PEOPLES PARTY)

6. FULL DELEGATION LIST, INCLUDING TECHNICAL
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